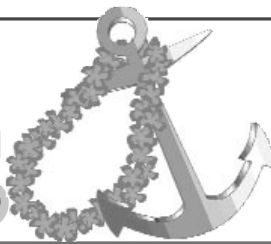


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IN BRIEF

USS Russell offers public tours

USS Russell (DDG 59) is open to the public for touring tomorrow from noon to 4 p.m. at Pier Bravo 25. Visitors are asked to enter Pearl Harbor through Nimitz Gate and proceed directly to the Monthly Visit Ship.

Asian Pacific Islander Festival

The Joint Services Asian/Pacific Islander Council is hosting the 1999 Asian/Pacific Islander Festival. The Festival will be held at Bloch Arena May 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event is free. The festival is scheduled to feature displays, booths and dance performances from groups representing Hawaii, Samoa, Aotearoa, Japan, China, Korea and the Philippines. Four high school Polynesian clubs will perform also.

Rules of the road for emergency vehicles

The Federal Fire Department reminds motorists that the law requires them to pull to the curb, or otherwise allow emergency vehicles to pass. Failure to do so can cause serious accidents or delays in the arrival of the emergency vehicle on the scene of the incident. If you are a pedestrian, get to or stay on the curb and keep small children with you until all emergency vehicles have passed.

Career and Education Fair

Mark your calendars for May 18. Contact Navy campus for more information.

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Surfin' USA: Some of the world's best surfing, for beginners and experts is right here in Hawaii. B-1

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Gabrunas Hall officially opens

█ Barracks is newest Pearl Harbor QOL improvement for single Sailors

By Rick Saltzman
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"Pearl Harbor isn't just a duty station for Sailors, it's their home." Rear Adm. John W. Townes III, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, proudly expressed these words Tuesday, at the morning dedication of Gabrunas Hall - a unique and modern bachelor enlisted quarters built on the soil of a former Pearl Harbor baseball field.

The ceremony began with the parading of the colors by the Naval Station Pearl Harbor Ceremonial Guard and the National Anthem rendered by the Pacific Fleet Band. Townes, who was the guest speaker at the ceremony said, "Today's ribbon-cutting represents more than just the opening of a new Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) complex; it represents our continued commitment to take care of our Sailors."

Kahu Kamaki A. Kanahele recited a traditional Hawaiian blessing

and benediction just before the ribbon cutting. The skies were bright and blue with puffs of white clouds, but unexpected meteorological special effects added to the ceremony. Folds in the white canopies collected the day's earlier drizzles and occasional gusts of wind rained water onto the sanctified ground. Kahu Kanahele mentioned the coincidence and cleanliness of the water during his blessing. Pure water is always part of such traditional ceremonies.

The Gabrunas BEQ is a four-building complex, which includes two five-story residential buildings, a separate recreation center with a kitchen, and a detached multi-story garage for 232 cars (a first at Pearl Harbor). The garage has four handicapped parking and 16 motorcycle stalls. The 179 two bedroom units will accommodate 358 sailors.

The barracks will have the latest in today's conveniences both for their comfort and safety.

Sailors will have their own cable television and telephone hook-ups. The new BEQ has a closed-circuit television security system, central air-conditioning, automatic fire sprinkler system, central smoke detection and fire alarm system, and electronic card-operated entry

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(From left to right) Capt. Henry Sanford, Commanding Officer, Naval Station, Pearl Harbor, Nancy Collins, wife of Philip J. Collins Sr. [who is holding the other end of the maile lei], Rear Adm. John Townes, Commander Naval Region Hawaii and prepare to cut the ceremonial lei marking the opening of the (Philip J.) Gabrunas Hall. Philip J. Collins is the nephew of the late Philip J. Gabrunas, whom the new BEQ is named after.

SBS quilt's national tour arrives in Pearl Harbor's FSC

█ Quilts traveling through Oahu as living memorial

By J03 Brenda Diggs
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The quilt, that has traveled around the country promoting child abuse prevention, was dedicated by the Shaken Baby Alliance and was completed in August of last year. The quilts were put on display at the FSC last Friday.

As part of the Month of Military Child/Child Abuse Month, the Pearl Harbor Family Service Center displayed two Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) Memorial Quilts last Friday.

The two quilts, one for surviving children and another for deceased children, is a

traveling memorial to increase public awareness about SBS.

The quilts were dedicated by The Shaken Baby Alliance and completed in August 1998. This non-profit organization was established to educate the public and professionals about SBS and to provide support to families of victims, according to Tara Wilmont.

Wilmont, who is the aunt of an SBS victim, is a member of the the Shaken Baby Alliance and arranged to have the quilts brought to Hawaii.

What motivated Wilmont was the tragic death of her niece, Anniisa Margarette Carette, who, at just three

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NMCRS: local fund drive continues into May

By J02 Greg Clegorne
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The Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society extended its fund drive into early May, giving commands additional opportunity to contribute to other Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen in need of emergency assistance.

Aside from the fund drive aspect, one of the society's most important

goals is informing servicemembers, new and 'salty,' that the society is there for them - able to provide assistance for small and big problems that may arise.

Currently, this year's drive has collected less than last year's and may impact the society's ability to give assistance to servicemembers.

"I think we're doing pretty well and I'm confident we'll reach last year's figures before the drive is over," said Paul Belanger, executive director of

the Hawaiian auxilliary NMCRS.

"I do want to stress that the annual fund drive isn't all about the money it raises," he continued.

"The annual drive gives us the opportunity to educate area commands about NMCRS, the services we offer and our educational opportunities.

We also want to remind local servicemembers of our availability to them in a crisis.

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USS Hawkbill breaks ice with scientists in SCICEX '99

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After more than 25 years, the submarine USS Hawkbill (SSN 666) has once again successfully navigated a winter transit of the treacherous Bering Strait on its last - and possibly most important - mission ever. The crew wasn't searching for an enemy submarine in the name of defense, but rather putting their training to the test for a different national cause: Science.

The submarine is currently engaged in the fifth of five planned science expeditions (SCICEX) to the Arctic Ocean in a joint venture between the Navy and the National Science Foundation (NSF). This cruise is even more historic than its first, for sever-

al reasons. For starters, this will be the last cruise for the submarine named, spelling aside, for the Hawksbill turtle. In fact, it represents the last Arctic cruise for any Pacific fleet Sturgeon class nuclear-powered submarine.

While Sailors and scientists alike praise the tremendous data collection and valuable military and scientific understanding gained in the Arctic over the five-year joint venture, the program has come to an end for the foreseeable future due to a lack of available submarines.

"We've gone from as many as 98 submarines in 1990 to a projected 50 submarines by the year 2003. Planners are already being asked which valid missions the remaining submarines can fulfill and which missions will go unfilled," said Rear Adm. Al Konetzni Jr., who is the com-



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mander of Pacific Submarine Force in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The Hawkbill departed Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on March 18th, and entered the

edge of the ice pack off the Alaskan coast about a week later. On the night of March 25th, the ship dove under the

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FSC programs promotes child abuse prevention

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The Pearl Harbor Family Service Center celebrated the Month of Military Child/Child Abuse Prevention Month by promoting awareness to this rising problem.

Blue ribbons were displayed through out the building and were readily available at FSC for customers to display them on their car antennas or on their clothing.

The blue ribbon signifies awareness and prevention of child abuse.

The FSC offers a variety of parenting programs, according to Chet Adessa, FSC family life educator.

"We offer classes for people who are thinking of becoming parents, to new parents and for parents with children of all ages," said Adessa.

"We also have anger and stress management classes," added Adessa. "Stress and anger is what brings some parents to abuse their children."

Adessa explains the procedures to helping troubled parents.

"We try to calm them down and get them to talk."

Many parents feel that if they call for help they will be labeled as a bad parent or their child may even be taken away from them.

Adessa explains that faculty members are not mandated to report someone unless abuse actually occurs.

The FSC has a Family Resource Library filled with books and videos about parenting, according to Adessa.

FSC also offers, "A Solid Parenting Experience Through Community Support" (ASPECTS) program, where a registered nurse visits moms-to-be and new moms, and Child Care Resource and Referral Service (KIDSLINE), which helps place children in day-care and gives referrals for home daycare providers.

"There is help out there, you just need to ask for it," Adessa concluded.

For more information call 473-4222